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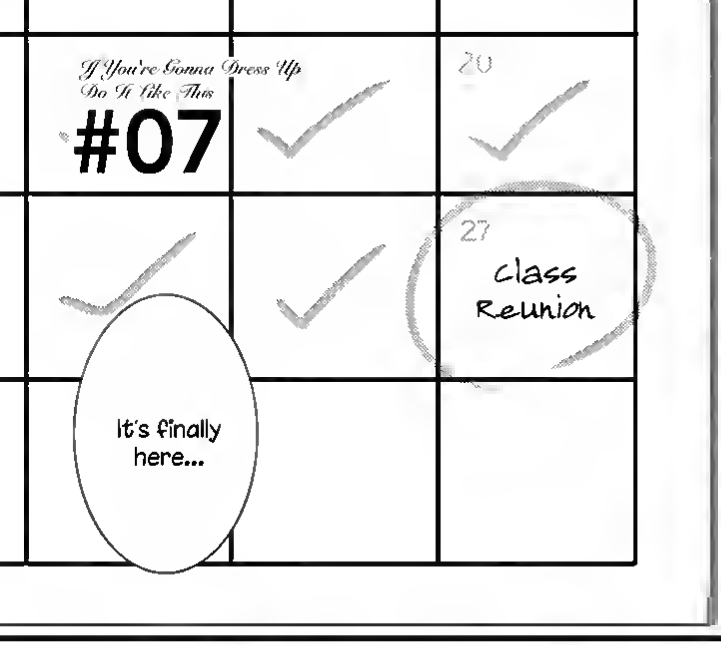
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Class Reunion
It's finally here...

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Uuuuuuuu?
I want candy and fried food...
or fried food and ice cream...
Ahhh~ Part time work right after school is way too tiring~

Ugh...
Ice cream...
Ice cream...

I'm home~

You're looking at your clothes again today?
Yeah, it's mental training.
Hmm? Onii-chan,
I can coordinate a whole outfit now.
Now I just have to wait until tomorrow.
Oh, right. Your reunion is tomorrow.
Yeah!
He has learned to love fashion in such a short amount of time.
onii-chan looks like he's having fun
Completely different from when we first started.

I've been meaning to ask, onii-chan.
Why do you always look at your clothes in the living room?
I want to make sure that I don't suddenly look weird in these clothes,
so I put them on as fast as I can
"Why"...?
and then check myself in the hallway mirror.
Ah-
Onii-chan, you don't have a body-length mirror?

But we already have one in the hallway.
That one is for checking one last time before you go out.
You should get a full-length mirror.
One for your own room.
Do you want to go down the hallway every time you try on an outfit?
but being able to try out different outfits and seeing which one fits better easily is better right?
It's fine if it's just one time,
I'll buy it on my next payday!
I'm fresh out of cash with all these games I've bought~
Games are so much fun~
Sure sure
And buying a mirror isn't too expensive.
A body-length mirror can show you how you look from another person's point of view. It's an essential item.

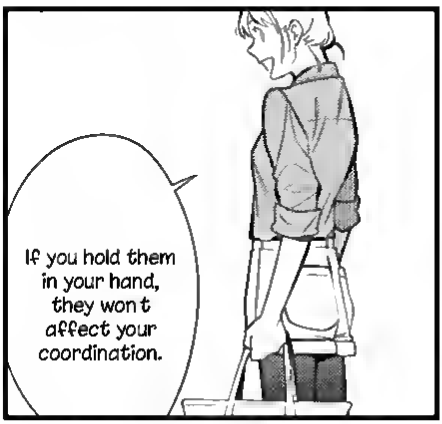
That's fine and all...
We're meeting up at a local place, so I can keep my belongings to a minimum. I can keep them in my pocket.
A bag, do I need one?
Speaking of which, what about a bag?
Try putting the things you want to bring in your pocket.
But there's a limit to how much you can carry,
and if you put too many things in your pocket then that will break your silhouette...
Bring every bag you own down here, onii-chan!
I'll bring my mirror down!
Shuffle
Shuffle
Y-yeah...
Full
Rattle
Yeah, let's get a bag.
There's my smart-phone, keys, wallet,
handker-chief, and tissues.
AH
and my digital camera-
And then a pen

Don't laugh-
AHA HA HA
This is so nostal-gic!!
You even wore these to college right?
Red and black backpack
Company bag
Green highlights shoulder bag
but these bags are very intrusive.
We want a full-body monotone coordination
Are these no good?
Seems like so...
We have 2 left...
Leave out the one you bring to work.
Hm, you're right.
but that silhouette will be destroyed by a big bag.
we've been focusing on your silhouette when picking these clothes,
Further more

SECRET TECHNIQUE: PAPER BAG
Tadaa
Looks like... I'll have to use THAT...
Then what should I do!?
The reunion is tomorrow, and I don't have enough money to buy a new one...
Ok!?
I got it!
Why not pick from one of my bags?
Wait wait wait! It's still too early to resort to a paper bag!
Eh? A women's bag?
Yeah.
Unlike clothing, there's not much difference in size between men's and women's bags. So it's fine.
Is that so...

Girls are ama-zing...
So what? They're not that expensive.
?
You have way too many bags!
Line up
Yeah... This is enough.
Let's try this one first!
Now then...
Or a back-pack.
A mini shoulder bag...

A lot of men use something like this.
It's light, for when you're going out.
Oh.
You can't put much stuff into a small bag, so it won't get heavy.
It won't break your silhouette either.
But this one is a over the shoulder bag like the other one. Is that fine?
Yeah.
However, there's still one problem...
No matter how you pair it, a backpack is still too close to the casual zone.
Casual zone...?
Sudden
On to the next one!



TL-note: Canvas is an extremely heavy-duty plain-woven fabric used for making sails, tents, marquees, backpacks

For now, let's just say that there are many types of tote bags.
I see...
?
It's made of black leather, so it can make you look fashionable and elegant.
Elegant...
Wait, there's one more.
Try this one out too!
So which one of these should I pick?
A second-bag!?
It's a clutch!!
Uwa

But they've made a comeback recently. They're in style again.
A clutch kinda gives off the image of an old man, huh.
I really like this one.
You hold this in your hand, so they don't change your silhouette at all.
They go well with everything.
For your coordination this time,
we're aiming for a very specific style.
If you add a certain mature roughness
you can achieve a great balance.
Ho ho~

So...
Which one are you going to choose, onii-chan?
Eh!?
My stomach...
GRIND
You don't have to be THAT troubled...
Are...
Are you serious...
ズーン
But I already did?
?
You're not going to pick for me, Tamaki?
Picking any one of these is fine.
you can use the one you like, onii-chan.

Okay.
Slide
Ho...
A clutch...
The- then...
I think...
Thank god-
Haaa~
Why are you so nervous?
Yeah!
Is a rough look cool?
I don't feel like an old man when I try to hold it
You say that picking any one of these is fine,
but I have zero confidence in my own sense,
so I get nervous when it's time to make a decision.
How do I put it...

That's not true at all.
If you aren't around, then there's no way I would know what to choose.
I didn't do anything special.
To coordinate like this,
not a lot of money or fashion sense is required, right?
When it comes to coordination,
I just follow what is standard and basic.
If you can understand just that,
Then you can definitely have fun choosing your own clothes, onii-chan

You know what? I'll teach you a secret.
It's the one and only, most important...
...basic rule in choosing how to dress.
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MB's Note

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Clutches

Hm, you're right.
but that silhouette will be destroyed by a big bag.
we've been focusing on your silhouette when picking these clothes.

In the early 2010s, there was a resurgence of 80s fashion known as "The 80s revival." Double breasted jackets, heavy makeup and producer style crossbody bags rose in popularity. But the item that became synonymous with this movement was the clutch. For a bag heavily associated with elderly debt collectors, the clutch made an amazing revival in popularity. At first, people doubted the popularity of the fad, asking "How long will the clutch boom last?" or saying "They'll get bored of it eventually." But in the end, the 80s revival passed, while the clutch remained as a standard item.

The clutch's charm lies in its simplicity. Other bags, such as a standard backpack or cross shoulder bag, have straps that cross your body and ruin your coordination and silhouette. But the clutch does not have either hindrances and are simply held in your hand. It does not interfere with any part of your coordination. There is no other bag as easy to incorporate with your outfits as the clutch.

The clutch is also relatively simple to produce. Compared to other bags, the production cost is generally lower, with many leather clutches selling for only 10,000 yen ($88). So even its price is "simple." It is a pity that some people continue to misattribute clutches as "something that old people use," because there are so many reasons for getting a clutch. Are clutches only for advanced fashionistas? Absolutely not! I would heartily recommend them to beginners as well!

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